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A Message from the Dean

February 2020 Newsletter

We are off to a strong start with our Spring 2020 semester at the College of Education at California State University, Long Beach. Together with our remarkable faculty, staff, students and alumni, we are engaged in the vitally important work of promoting equity and excellence in education.

In this newsletter we highlight our talented students and describe some of the ways in which they are making an impact in the field. We showcase the recent groundbreaking faculty research led by Drs. Betina Hsieh, Caroline Lopez-Perry, Noah Golden, and Anna Ortiz, and international recognition received by Drs. Lesley Farmer and Bitra Ghafoori. We are proud of outstanding alumni who were recently appointed as Community College Presidents: Dr. Angelica Suarez at Orange Coast College and Dr. Dyrell Foster at Las Positas College, and the pioneering global early-childhood education efforts of Dr. Hawani Negussie. Learn about the free access to trauma-informed mental health services that our Long Beach Trauma Recovery Center provides to the Long Beach community, and the recent national webinars being led by our Center for Evaluation and Educational Effectiveness (CEEE) to disseminate high impact practices for first generation, low income and Hispanic postsecondary student success in STEM fields. Meet Dr. Corinne Martinez, our new Liberal Studies Department Chair, and Wendy Muzien, a staff member and CED alum who supports our outreach and recruitment efforts.

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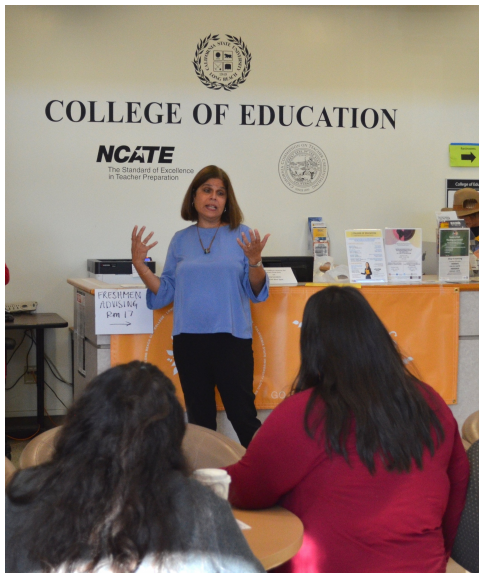
Shireen Pavri, Ph.D.

Dean

NEWS & NOTES

Welcome to the New Liberal Studies Department Chair, Dr. Corinne Martinez

Dr. [Corinne Martinez](#) is Chair of the [Liberal Studies Department](#) and Associate Professor in [Teacher Education](#). She is a first-generation Chicana, born and raised in the greater east side of Los Angeles. Her prior teaching experience includes work as a Language Arts teacher, a Reading Specialist and English as a Second Language Teacher... [Read more](#)



Future Teacher Club Day – Connecting Students from High School through College

Last fall, the College of Education hosted Future Teacher Club Day with students from Millikan and Polytechnic High School, both part of Long Beach Unified School District, as well as Long Beach City College (LBCC) and students from CSULB's College of Education... [Read more](#)

The Lasting Impact of Scholarships

The impact of scholarships have a ripple effect, positively impacting not only the recipient, but also those around them, such as a student teacher's own students. Recent CED graduate and Dean's Endowed Student Teaching Scholarship recipient, Yasmin Elasmr, shared how being a scholarship recipient changed her time as a student... [Read more](#)



CEEE Webinar: Creating a Sense of Belonging for STEM Students

The latest webinar by the College of Education's [Center for Evaluation and Educational Effectiveness \(CEEE\)](#), "Creating a Sense of Belonging for STEM Students through U.S. Department of Education-Funded Grants at Hispanic Serving Institutions," is the third in a series focused on supporting first-generation, low-income, and/or Hispanic students in STEM at Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), of which CSULB is one... [Read more](#)

Breaking the Cycle of Trauma



Under the direction of [Dr. Bitu Ghafoori](#), the [Long Beach Trauma Recovery Center \(LBTRC\)](#) focuses on providing mental health services to hundreds of individuals a year by offering free access to trauma-informed, evidence-based mental health services to survivors of trauma and crime. Since opening its doors in 2014, the LBTRC has helped hundreds of people impacted by trauma and violence. In addition to mental health services, the LBTRC's trained staff provides education, outreach, advocacy, case management, and research services... [Read more](#)

Get to Know Your CED Support: Outreach & Recruitment Office

"I enjoy talking to students and parents and learning about their experiences, hopes, and dreams. I find great joy seeing students having hope and vision for their future as an educator." Wendy Muzien, Coordinator in the College of Education's [Outreach and Recruitment Office](#), joined the College in 2019, having worked in outreach at El Camino

College and also as an immigration consultant at an area organization... [Read more](#)



FACULTY FOCUS

Dr. Betina Hsieh Selected as TEDx Speaker

[Dr. Betina Hsieh](#) has been selected as a CSULB TEDx speaker for the spring 2020 TEDx conference, “Shattering Perceptions”. Dr. Hsieh’s TEDx topic will discuss the importance of humanizing pedagogies in a time of increasing standardization. Expanding further upon her topic, Dr. Hsieh shared... [Read more](#)



Pushing for Change in School Mental Health Care: Dr. Caroline Lopez-Perry & the ACLU

[Dr. Caroline Lopez-Perry](#), Assistant Professor in the [School Counseling program](#), has been spearheading a 2020 campaign partnership between the California Association of School Counselors (CASC) and the Southern California American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to address the mental health needs of TK-12 students in California... [Read more](#)

Dr. Noah Golden Awarded Grant to Research the Role of Instruction in Adolescent Learners' Identity Work

[Dr. Noah Asher Golden](#) has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Spencer Foundation

for his current project entitled, "Supporting marginalized students' (re)positioning: Investigating the role of instruction in adolescent learners' identity work". Dr. Golden shared more about this project...

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The Urban-Serving Institution, Dr. Anna Ortiz's Book Examines Student Affairs' Contributions & Challenges

Student Affairs in Urban-Serving Institutions: Voices from Senior Leaders, a book edited by [Dr. Anna Ortiz](#) has recently been published. The book explores "how services and interventions must reflect the reality of students, understand the sociopolitical forces that affect students' lives, and bring together a network that includes family and community."... [Read more](#)

International Conference Award for Dr. Lesley Farmer

Congratulations to [Dr. Lesley Farmer](#) whose paper "Cross-cultural Online Instructional Design" was selected for the International Research Conference Best Presentation Award. Dr. Farmer presented the paper at the International Conference on e-Education and e-Learning (ICEEEL) in Bangkok, Thailand...

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ISTSS Board Nomination for Bitu Ghafoori

[Dr. Bitu Ghafoori](#) has been elected to serve a 3-year term as Board Member of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, an interdisciplinary professional organization that promotes advancement and exchange of knowledge about traumatic stress. The ISTSS is run by elected volunteer Board Members from trauma-related disciplines around the world...

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PBS Features Educational Leadership Doctoral Student, Seranda Bray

As a community college counselor Seranda Bray understands the barriers many students face when navigating college. And as a first-generation college graduate herself, Seranda understands these barriers more personally than most. Her own struggle coming from an economically disadvantaged background pushed her to give back to her community and support other students facing similar obstacles... [Read more](#)



Student Teacher Awarded Teacher of the Month

Meet Urban Dual Credential Program (UDCP) student Katherine Leith. A post-baccalaureate student in her second year, Leith received the Teacher of the Month award at her school site, Parkview Elementary School. Nominated by student voting, the award was announced at a monthly awards assembly in front of the entire school!... [Read more](#)

CED ALUMNI

A Student-Centered Career: SDHE Alum Dr. Dyrell Foster

College of Education alum, Dr. Dyrell Foster has been appointed as President at Las Positas College in Livermore, California. Moving from his role as Vice President of Student Services at Moreno Valley College in southern California, Dr. Foster shares his excitement, “to continue to advance student access, equity, and success” in his new role... [Read more](#)





Transforming Early Childhood Education in Ethiopia - Alumna, Dr. Hawani Negussie

CED alumna, Dr. Hawani Negussie's (MA, [Early Childhood Education](#) '06; Ed.D, [Educational Leadership, Elementary & Secondary Education](#) '14) non-profit [Early Childhood Education Ethiopia](#) was founded after her dissertation research led her to Ethiopia... [Read more](#)

SDHE Alumna Appointed as Orange Coast College President

Congratulations to Dr. Angelica Suarez, who was recently appointed as President at Orange Coast College (OCC). A College of Education alumna who earned her master's degree in [Counseling, Student Development in Higher Education](#), Dr. Suarez looks forward to, "working collectively with [Orange Coast College's] community of educators to build upon the [their] high standard of excellence, shared values, and...strong commitment to holistic student support, nurturing an inclusive environment where all students have the opportunity to succeed."... [Read more](#)



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